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## ANDREW M. MORRISSEY FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

That the great state of Nebraska ever secures, for the paltry salary it pays, the services of a well equipped attorney, is due more to good fortune than anything else. With more legal business than a transcontinental railroad corporation, constantly in litigation with huge trusts and combines, and having constantly to deal with problems of vital interest to the state government. Nebraska asks from its attorney general the legal ability to cope with the princely salaried attorneys of the big corporations and combines—and for this ability pays annually less than the average corporation attorney gets in a month.

Will Maupin's Weekly asserts again that it is the state's good fortune and not its due when it secures a lawyer of sufficient legal attainments to cope with the corporation lawyers on their own grounds. Time was when the attorney general had little else to do than to give advice to other state officials upon unimportant details. That was before the present era set in. Then the corporations furnished not only the attorney general and the other state officials, but also attended to such little details as enacting the laws. Now the corporations are being regulated, and legal questions of vast moment are constantly arising to demand for the taxpayers an attorney of acknowledged ability. Because this is the situation today it is well for the people when an able and successful attorney, one who has proved his ability and achieved success, offers his services. He certainly does not do it because of the emoluments, for the lawyer in private practice who can not, with far less work and expenditure of time, earn more than the state pays its attorney general, is either a young practitioner or not much of a success at the profession.

Thus it is that when a man of the proved ability and demonstrated success of Andrew M. Morrissey offers himself and his services to the state, the state should be quick to avail itself of the opportunity. Mr. Morrissey has filed for the democratic nomination for attorney general, and has also been filed as a nominee of the people's independent party, and it is fitting that the people be made acquainted with the facts about this gentleman.

Andrew M. Morrissey was born in the state of New York, and came to Nebraska in 1892, locating at Chadron. He studied law and was admitted to practice in the supreme court in 1897, and later admitted to practice in the federal courts. The attorneys of the new northwest found many huge and perplexing problems confronting them—problems in which they were compelled to face the opposition of the famous lawyers representing big trusts and corporations. Land cases of vast importance; cases involving corporations, cases having to do with immense interests—such were the tasks confronting the attorneys in that new and rapidly developing country. Northwestern Nebraska has produced some lawyers and jurists of commanding ability. It was not long after Mr. Morrissey's admission to the bar that it began to be bruited abroad that a young attorney of northwestern Nebraska was coping with the big men from the east and more than holding his own. That reputation has grown and strengthened with the years, and today Mr. Morrissey is admittedly one of the strong members of the bar of



**ANDREW M. MORRISSEY**  
Democratic and Peoples Independent Candidate  
for the nomination for  
Attorney General of Nebraska

this state. A few years after admission to the bar, Mr. Morrissey removed to Valentine, Cherry county, in order to be nearer the land office. He was elected county attorney of Cherry county, overcoming a heavy republican majority. Two years later he was re-elected by an increased majority, and declined a third term, although tendered the nomination by the democrats and assured by the republicans that they would not nominate a candidate against him. During his two terms of service as county attorney he acted for the county in some cases of far

reaching importance, and his success attracted widespread attention. Retiring to private practice he soon built up a wide clientage, and his services were in demand over a wide expanse of territory. He has tried cases in every county in northwest Nebraska, in South Dakota and eastern Wyoming, with a record of successful litigation not often achieved by an attorney.

In 1908 Mr. Morrissey was unanimously elected as one of the delegates from the Sixth congressional district to the Denver convention, an honor that is an evidence of his popularity

in the northwestern part of the state. Another evidence of his popularity is that every time he has been a candidate for public office he carried his home county of Cherry and his home town of Valentine, although both are normally republican.

About a year ago Mr. Morrissey removed to Lincoln, this city offering a wider field without in any wise curtailing his opportunities to continue the splendid business he had built up in the northwest. But Mr. Morrissey did not locate among strangers when he located in Lincoln. Here live many men for whom he acted in important cases in his old home. Here he found hundreds of men who had met him and learned to admire his splendid ability—democrats who had served with him in conventions in the old days, business men he had served, and men who had learned his ability by reason of having him pitted against them in lawsuits.

One has but to inquire of the judges and attorneys of northwestern Nebraska to be informed that in Andrew M. Morrissey the state would have an attorney general who would give it splendid service—far and away better than it is entitled to for the remuneration it offers. But men of Mr. Morrissey's legal attainments who offer their services to the state do not do so because of the emoluments of the office; they do it because they see an opportunity to serve their fellows and reap the reward of honor for duty well performed.

Will Maupin's Weekly has been proud of an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Morrissey for more than a dozen years. It knows something about his ability because it has heard it spoken of many a time by attorneys whose recommendation is worth considerably more than par. It has heard him commended by men who have occupied the district bench, and by men who now occupy it. It knows something of his ability by reason of having given some time to a study of the records of cases in which he has appeared. For this reason, and because of his splendid democracy, his tireless services in behalf of the party, and more than all else, because of the opportunity that is afforded Nebraska to secure the services of such a man, Will Maupin's Weekly takes this opportunity of recommending Andrew M. Morrissey to the democrats of Nebraska for the nomination for attorney general.

It is true that Mr. Morrissey is, so far as actual residence is concerned, a newcomer in Lancaster county. In fact, however, his business has called him there so often during the last six or eight years that he seems almost one of the old residents. There is every reason why Mr. Morrissey should be nominated by an overwhelming majority at the primaries on April 19.

Mr. Morrissey is making a quiet and dignified campaign for the nomination. He did not become a candidate because he sought the place, although he frankly admitted to friends who first spoke to him about it that he would appreciate the honor and if nominated and elected would strive to merit it. In his campaign he is having the active assistance of a host of friends, and there are many members of his own profession who differ from him in politics who lose no opportunity to assure the people that Mr. Morrissey possesses all the qualifications that the attorney general of such a great state as Nebraska should have.

### THE EDITORS ARE COMING.

The Nebraska Editorial Association will meet in Lincoln on June 3, 4 and 5, and arrangements are already under way to give them the time of their lives. Secretary Johns is attending to the matter of arranging a program that will take care of the professional side of the convention, and Secretary Whitten of the Commercial Club, assisted by other enterprising gentlemen, is attending to the social features. Having had something to do with former efforts at entertaining the association in Lincoln, and knowing what the present committee can do, we are prepared to promise the visiting brethren and sisters that they are in for one of those times worthy of being embalmed in history. The Nebraska editor who fails to attend the 1912 meeting of the Nebraska Press Association is in for a lifetime of regrets. Come on over and let us make you feel at home.

### MICHAEL BAUER.

Democrats of Lancaster county always know where to find Mike Bauer. Mike always stands hitched. And he is always ready to serve his party, regardless of his personal wishes. The other day a lot of democrats filed Mike's name as one of the democratic candidates for the legislature, knowing that Mike would accept because the party wanted him. Mike is sick in bed, and has been for weeks. But that will not affect his candidacy. He has a host of friends taking care of that. For several years he represented his ward in the city council, and did it well. He would give just that same sort of faithful and efficient service to the county if elected to the legislature.

### ALWAYS MAKES FRIENDS.

That man, Morehead, if nominated, will get as many republican votes as Aldrich got democratic votes. He is making friends all over the state.—Fremont Herald.

### AXIOMATIC.

The difference between a democrat and a republican is this: A republican will not speak until he hears from the leaders. A democrat will let the leaders hear from him.—Fairbury Journal.

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